LAWS OF THE STATE OF LOUISANA.

PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY.

AN ACT No. 61.

To authorize and empower Thomas H. Franklin, an emancipated minor, to practice law before any of the courts of this State.

WHEREAS, By a decree of the parish court in and for the parish of Ascension, rendered January 19, 1874, it was ordered, adjudged and decreed that "Thomas H. Franklin be and is hereby fully emancipated, and relieved from all the disabilities which now attach to minors, and with full power to do and perform all acts as fully as if he had arrived at the age of twenty-one years;" therefore

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That the said Thomas H. Franklin be and he is hereby authorized, empowered and permitted to practice law before any of the courts of this State, provided that upon an examination by the Supreme Court of this State he be found to possess all the qualifications, except that of age, necessary to constitute a lawyer under the present laws of this State.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

(Signed) CHARLES W. LOWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) C. C. ANTOINE,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved March 19, 1874.
(Signed) WILLIAM P. KELLOGG,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
P. G. DESLONDE,
Secretary of State.

AN ACT No. 62.

Incorporating Houma Fire Engine Company No. 1.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That the individuals named in the accompanying authentic act, passed before John J. Mushaway, recorder of the parish of Terrebonne, on the sixth day of July, 1872, be and they are hereby incorporated and declared a body politic and corporate, with all the rights, powers and privileges expressed in said act, and shall be known and designated as Houma Fire Engine Company No. 1:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
The State of Louisiana,
Parish of Terrebonne.

Be it known and remembered that on the of the independence of the United States sixth day of July, Anno Domini 1872, and the ninety-seventh, before John Jewell Mushaway, recorder and ex officio a notary public in and for the parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana, duly commissioned, qualified and sworn, and in the presence of Jules M. Burguieres and John Robert Verret, good and competent witnesses, domiciled in said parish, personally came and appeared Tobias Gibson, Samuel Wolf, O. B. Daspit, Charles Meier, Jacob Cune, F. W. Francis, E. Bazajou, F. Fanguy, Charles Weiss, John Berger, Aubin Daspit, A. Zeringer, J. K. Aitkens, Harman Lowenstein, E. Bethancourt, Charles Tennent, J. P. Viguerie, R. Gremage, F. Gouaux, Robert Rieulfi, Louis Fraisse, S. Munson, A. Blanchard, R. W. Francis, W. M. Wilson, H. Steinly, B. Ritter, B. Renderle, Louis West, A. C. DuRoy, Charles W. DuRoy, C. D. Middleton, F. S. Goods, John McBride, John B. Wenden, F. Gimble, residing in the parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana, who declared that, availing themselves of the provisions of the public laws and statutes of the State of Louisiana, being section 683 to 695 inclusive of the Revised Statutes of the State of Louisiana, published in the year 1868, and adopted March 14, 1870, by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, and of the rights, franchises and privileges therein enumerated and granted, relative to the organization of corporations for works of public improvement and for other purposes in this State, they had covenanted and agreed that by these presents they do covenant and agree and bind themselves and those who, in compliance with the provisions of this charter, may hereafter become associated with them, to forever constitute and establish themselves into a body corporate for the objects and purposes under the stipulations, agreements, modifications and regulations hereinafter set forth in the following charter, to wit:

First—The said corporation shall be known and designated by the name and title of Houma Fire Engine Company No. 1, and its domicile shall be and is hereby fixed at Houma, parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana.

Second—The purposes and objects of this corporation shall be to establish a fire company for the use and benefit of said corporation, and to exercise all the powers requisite to the administration of the affairs of such body, according to such government, discipline and usages as it may deem best to establish, when such government, discipline and usages do not in any manner contravene or conflict with any of the statutes or laws of the State of Louisiana.

Third—The business of the corporation shall be conducted at its domicile, in the town of Houma. The members shall elect one of their body as president of the company, and the said president is the officer designated as the one upon whom legal service of all process or citation may be made, and the company agree to be bound by service or citation, whether made on the president in person or left to his address at the office of the company, in the hands of any of its members, and it is through the said president the corporation shall sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded.

Fourth—The officers of this corporation shall be a president, vice president, foreman, first assistant foreman, second assistant foreman, secretary and treasurer, who shall hold their respective offices during one year from the day of their election, and whose duties shall be defined by such rules and regulations as the company may see fit to establish for its own government not inconsistent with the provisions of this charter.

Fifth—This corporation shall have the right of holding property and acquire the same by purchase, donation or otherwise, and shall in the same manner be capable of disposing of any of its rights, purchases, right, corporeal or incorporeal.

Sixth—The term of years for this corporation to exist under this charter is fixed at twenty-five years, unless sooner dissolved by consent of the incorporators.

Seventh—There shall be an annual general election of officers held, each general election dating twelve months from the preceding one. Tobias Gibson, Charles Meier, F. W. Francis, F. F. Fanguy, Charles Weiss, A. Daspit, A. Zeringer, E. Bethancourt, F. P. Viguerie, F. Gouaux, R. W. Francis, C. P. Middleton, John G. McBride, Alex. Cadruy, Nathan Gimbel, William Ritter, Samuel Wolf, Jacob Cune, O. B. Daspit, Ernest Bazajou, John Berger, John K. Aitkins, J. R. Rieulfi, C. Tennent, R. H. Grimage, A. Blanchard, William M. Wilson, F. S. Goods, John B. Winden, Charles W. Du Roy, B. Ritter, H. Steinly, Louis Fraisse, B. Rinderle, S. Munson, Louis West, H. Lowenstein, J. J. Mushaway, recorder; J. M. Burguieres, J. R. Veret. After a careful examination of the above charter and its provisions, and those of the law, I approve it, and certify to its correctness. Houma, Louisiana, July 6, 1872. Charles W. Du Roy, district attorney pro tempore, parish of Terrebonne; J. J. Mushaway, recorder.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

(Signed) CHARLES W. LOWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) C. C. ANTOINE,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved March 19, 1874.
(Signed) WILLIAM P. KELLOGG,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
P. G. DESLONDE,
Secretary of State.

AN ACT No. 63.

To prohibit the seizure of certain property for rent.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That it shall hereafter [be] unlawful in this State for any landlord, lessee or owner of any tenement house or houses, or any agent of such landlord, lessee or owner to seize, or cause to be seized, for rent due by the sub lessee or inmates of such house or houses, any piano, organ or other musical instrument in said house or houses, which is hired for use from any company or individual, and it is not the personal property of the inmates or sub lessee aforesaid.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That all laws or parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act be and the same are hereby repealed, and this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

(Signed) CHARLES W. LOWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) C. C. ANTOINE,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved March 21, 1874.
(Signed) WILLIAM P. KELLOGG,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
P. G. DESLONDE,
Secretary of State.

AN ACT No. 64.

Proposing an amendment to the constitution of the State of Louisiana, changing the day for holding the general election.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, two-thirds of the members elected to each house agreeing thereto, That the following amendment to the constitution of the State of Louisiana shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the State at the next general election for Representatives of the General Assembly: That the words "first Monday," in article seventeen of the constitution, be stricken out, and the words "first Tuesday after the first Monday" be substituted in lieu thereof, and if approved by a majority of the voters at said election the same shall become a part of said article seventeen.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

(Signed) CHARLES W. LOWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) C. C. ANTOINE,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved March 21, 1874.
(Signed) WILLIAM P. KELLOGG,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
P. G. DESLONDE,
Secretary of State.

AN ACT No. 65.

Making it sufficient to publish all advertisements, judicial or otherwise, notices and publications in the parishes of the State in the English language only.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That after the passage of this act it shall be sufficient in all the parishes of the State to publish all advertisements, judicial or otherwise, notices and publications of any kind whatsoever required by law in the English language only.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That all laws or parts of laws in conflict with or contrary to the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

(Signed) CHARLES W. LOWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) C. C. ANTOINE,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved March 21, 1874.
(Signed) WILLIAM P. KELLOGG,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
P. G. DESLONDE,
Secretary of State.

AN ACT No. 66.

To enable planters, farmers, merchants, traders and others to pledge and pawn cotton, sugar and other agricultural products to merchants, factors and others; and to confer a pledge by the transmission of a bill of lading or carrier's receipt by mail or by the carrier.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That, in addition to the privilege now conferred by law, any planter or farmer may pledge or pawn his growing crop of cotton, sugar or other agricultural products for advances in money, goods and necessary supplies that he may require for the production of the same, by entering into a written agreement to pledge the same and having the agreement recorded in the office of the recorder of mortgages of the parish where said cotton, sugar or other agricultural product is produced, which recorded contract shall give and confer on the merchant or other person advancing money, goods and necessary supplies for the production of the said agricultural product, a right of pledge upon the said crop, the same as if the said crop had been in the possession of the pledgeee provided, that the right of pledge thus conferred shall be subordinate to that of the claim of the laborers for wages and for the rent of the land on which the crop was produced.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That when any merchant, factor, or other person has advanced money, property or supplies on cotton, sugar or other agricultural products, and the same has been consigned to him by ship, steamboat, vessel, railroad or other carrier, the said agricultural products shall be pledged to the consignee thereof from the time the bill of lading thereof shall be put in the mail, or put into the possession of the carrier for transmission to the consignee, and the right of pledge shall be perfect, with right of sale of said property, which shall be fully vested in said consignee, with the right to appropriate the proceeds of sale to the payment of the amount due for such advances as may have been made thereon; provided, that nothing herein shall be so construed as to defeat or lessen the privileges of the laborers and landlords in this State for wages and rent, as now existing by law.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That all merchants, factors and others who may have a general balance of account, or any sum of money due them by any consignee or other person sending them cotton, sugar or other agricultural products for sale at the port of New Orleans, or at any other town or city in the State, shall have a pledge upon all such property consigned or sent to them by ship, vessel, railroad or other carrier from the time the bill of lading or receipt therefor by the carrier is deposited in the mail or given to the carrier for transmission, which pledge shall be perfect, with the right of sale of said property which shall be fully vested in said consignee, with the right to appropriate the proceeds of sale to the payment of the amount due such consignee; provided, that nothing herein shall be so construed as to defeat or lessen the privilege of the laborers and landlords in this State for wages and rent as now existing by law.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, etc., That this act shall take effect from and after its passage, and all laws and parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act be and the same are hereby repealed.

(Signed) CHARLES W. LOWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) C. C. ANTOINE,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved March 21, 1874.
(Signed) WILLIAM P. KELLOGG,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
P. G. DESLONDE,
Secretary of State.

AN ACT No. 67.

To amend an act entitled an act chartering the Monroe, Bastrop and Arkansas Railroad Company, defining the powers and duties of said company, and authorizing the company to issue its bonds and to mortgage the property of the company to secure the payment thereof, and authorizing the sale, lease or consolidation of said railroad, approved April 10, 1873, and changing the name of said railroad company.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That section two of the act entitled an act chartering the Monroe, Bastrop and Arkansas Railroad Company, defining the powers and duties of said company, and authorizing the company to issue its bonds and to mortgage the property of the company [to] secure the payment thereof, and authorizing the sale, lease or consolidation of said railroad, shall be amended and re-enacted so as to read:

"The name and title of this company shall be the St. Louis and New Orleans Railroad Company, and the domicile thereof is fixed in the town of Monroe, parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana."

Section three of the above recited act shall be and is hereby amended and re-enacted, so as to read:

"The main object of this company shall be to lay out, locate, construct, equip, and thereafter to own, maintain, operate and enjoy a continuous single or double track railway, from the town of Monroe through the parishes of Ouachita and Morehouse, to such point on the line of the State of Arkansas as may be hereafter determined by the board of directors of this company; and from Monroe in a southerly direction, and by the most practicable route, to be determined by the board of directors, to and across Red river, to a point of junction with any railroad that may be constructed from New Orleans to or in the vicinity of Alexandria or Marksville. This company shall have the right of way of one hundred feet on each side from the center of said road, over any lands owned by the State at the time of the final location of any part or section of said road, and shall have the right to take earth, timber or materials of any kind off of or from any State lands in the use of said railroad owned by the State at the time such may be taken. This right to take earth, timber or other materials shall cease as soon as the State may sell or part with such lands, and in the event of this company failing to agree with the owners of any lands on the line of such railroad needed for right of way or necessary depots, wood sheds, water stations or other uses it shall have the right to cause the same to be expropriated for that purpose by complying with the forms of law expropriating property for public uses."

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That the title of the act to which this is an amendment shall be amended and re-enacted so as to read "an act chartering the St. Louis and New Orleans Railroad Company; defining the powers and duties of said company; authorizing the company to issue its bonds and mortgage the property and franchises of the company to secure the payment thereof, and authorize the sale, lease or consolidation of said railroad company."

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

(Signed) CHARLES W. LOWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) C. C. ANTOINE,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved March 21, 1874.
(Signed) WILLIAM P. KELLOGG,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
P. G. DESLONDE,
Secretary of State.

AN ACT No. 68.

To divide the State of Louisiana into six congressional districts.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That the State of Louisiana is hereby divided into six congressional districts, and the qualified electors of each district shall choose one Representative to Congress, as follows:

The first district shall comprise the parishes of Plaquemines, St. Bernard, and that portion of the parish of Orleans lying on the right bank of the Mississippi river, and that portion on the left bank below Julia street and the New canal, comprising wards three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine and fifteen of the city of New Orleans.

The second congressional district shall comprise that portion of the parish of Orleans lying above Julia street and the New canal, comprising the second, first, tenth, eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth wards of the city of New Orleans, and the parishes of Jefferson, St. Charles, St. John and St. James.

The third congressional district shall comprise the parishes of Iberville, Ascension, Assumption, Lafourche, Terrebonne, St. Mary, Iberia, St. Martin, Lafayette, Vermilion, Cameron, Calcasieu.

The fourth congressional district shall be composed of the parishes of Rapides, Vernon, Sabine, Natchitoches, Grant, Winn, Red River, De Soto, Caddo, Bossier, Webster, Bienville.

The fifth congressional district shall be composed of the parishes of Concordia, Caldwell, Franklin, Tensas, Madison, Richland, Ouachita, Jackson, Lincoln, Union, Morehouse, Carroll, Claiborne, Catahoula.

The sixth congressional district shall be composed of the parishes of Avoyelles, St. Landry, Pointe Coupee, West Feliciana, East Feliciana, West Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge, St. Helena, Livingston, Tangipahoa, Washington, St. Tammany.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act be and the same are hereby repealed, and that this act be in force and take effect from and after its passage.

(Signed) CHARLES W. LOWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) C. C. ANTOINE,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved March 21, 1874.
(Signed) WILLIAM P. KELLOGG,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
P. G. DESLONDE,
Secretary of State.

AN ACT No. 69.

To abolish fees of jurors in the city of New Orleans, in criminal and coroners' cases.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That from and after the passage of this act no fee shall be paid to grand or petit jurors in any criminal court in the parish of Orleans, nor to any juror on any inquest before a coroner in said parish.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

(Signed) CHARLES W. LOWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) C. C. ANTOINE,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved March 21, 1874.
(Signed) WILLIAM P. KELLOGG,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
P. G. DESLONDE,
Secretary of State.

AN ACT No. 70.

To incorporate the Fruit Growers Association of the Gulf States.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That R. H. Day, D. Redmond, J. W. Hillman, E. K. Manard, Anthony Sambola, N. D. Whitmore, R. Lynne, D. Dennett, R. S. Venables, S. M. Wiggins, R. D. Manard, R. Thompson, Henry Parr, F. H. Ayers, C. D. Evans, B. M. Hillyard, H. W. L. Lewis, Hardy Richardson, L. A. Hansen, John C. Potts, W. R. Hudson, M. Robbins, E. F. Russell, Joseph Hummel, E. F. Herwig, B. S. Twichell, C. A. Snyder, T. M. Wescott, Alfred Lewis, George Plumbs, Simpson Camp, P. R. Angelovich, G. A. Faunce, Emile Rost, N. A. Llambias, A. L. Tissot and John M. G. Parker, officers and members of the Fruit Growers Association of the Gulf States, and their successors in office, and such others who may hereafter associate themselves with them, be and are hereby constituted and created a body politic and corporate in law, under the name and style of the Fruit Growers Association of the Gulf States, and said corporation shall have its domicile in the city of New Orleans.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That the object of said corporation shall be to encourage and conduct the growth and cultivation of plants, shrubs, trees, fruits, vegetables and agricultural products generally; to facilitate the introduction of the same in the South; to increase and facilitate the transportation and sale of fruits; to encourage the establishment of nurseries, hothouses, vineyards, gardens and fruit orchards of every kind, and to promote generally every branch of agriculture, especially the cultivation of fruits and the development of the agricultural resources of this and other adjoining States.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That the officers of this association shall consist of a president, vice president, treasurer and a secretary, to be elected annually by the majority of the members present at the annual general meeting, to be held in the month of January, and the president shall be the proper officer upon whom shall be served all citations, notices or legal process against the corporation.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, etc., That the affairs of this corporation shall be under the control and supervision of a board of directors, or managers, composed of all its officers, and five members to be elected annually at the general meeting held in January.

SEC. 5. Be it further enacted, etc., That this corporation, under the name, style and title aforesaid, shall have continuance and succession, according to law, for the term of twenty five years from the passage of this act, and shall be capable in law to sue and be sued, to plead and be impleaded in all the courts of this State and elsewhere; to contract, hold, receive, purchase and convey property, both real and personal; to make and establish a constitution or such by-laws as may be necessary for the proper management and administration of its affairs, and the furtherance of its purposes and object; to alter and amend the same; provided, said constitution and by-laws be not inconsistent with the constitution or any of the laws of this State, or of the United States; to have a common seal, and the same to break, alter or renew at pleasure; and to possess all the powers and privileges granted by law to corporations.

SEC. 6. Be it further enacted, etc., That should this act be not renewed at the expiration thereof, or should this corporation be sooner dissolved by consent or otherwise, it should be the duty of the officers or board of directors to settle and liquidate the affairs of the corporation within six months from such dissolution.

SEC. 7. Be it further enacted, etc., That the capital stock of this corporation shall be ten thousand dollars, divided into shares of ten dollars each, to be paid in the manner following: One dollar on becoming a member of this corporation, which sum shall be considered an initiation fee, and the balance to be paid at such time as the board of directors shall determine, provided that not more than one dollar shall be required to be paid annually; and any person subscribing one share may become a member, with the consent of the board of directers. And the said corporation shall have the power to increase its capital stock to twenty thousand dollars, and all revenues of this association, derived from any source whatever, shall only be applied to carry out the objects and purposes herein set forth.

SEC. 8. Be it further enacted, etc., That this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

(Signed) CHARLES W. LOWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) C. C. ANTOINE,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved March 21, 1874.
(Signed) WILLIAM P. KELLOGG,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
P. G. DESLONDE,
Secretary of State.

AN ACT No. 72.

To incorporate the Good Intent Fire Company No. 2 of Gretna, parish of Jefferson, right bank, State of Louisiana.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That A. J. Kemp, C. F. Broun, E. Gaidy, Philip Jerome, H. Smith, H. Lanle, W. King, J. Baptiste, William Lewis, William Brown, W. H. Clay, Francis Thomas, C. Anderson and their associates and successors shall be, and they are hereby declared, ordained and constituted a body corporate and politic in deed and in law, by the name of the Good Intent Fire Company No. 2 of Gretna, parish of Jefferson, right bank, State of Louisiana; and by that name they shall be capable of being sued and of suing, and receiving donations, legacies, bequests and devices, and of purchasing, holding, leasing and selling or otherwise disposing of any estate, movable and immovable, with the rents, profits, incomes and interest of said estate to the uses and purposes of said company, according to the rules and regulations which are now adopted, and may from time to time be declared by said company in its constitution and by-laws; and said company shall moreover have the power to make, establish and enforce such by-laws and regulations as it may deem proper for the governing and management of its concerns and affairs; provided, such constitution, by-laws and regulations are not in violation of the constitution of the United States and the constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That the officers of this company shall consist of a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, foreman, first assistant foreman, second assistant foreman and steward, said officers to be elected by the members of said company, in accordance with the constitution and by-laws.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That it shall be the duty of the said fire company to immediately repair to all fires within the first, second, third and fourth wards of the parish of Jefferson, right bank, there to take such steps under control of its officers as may be deemed necessary for the prompt and effectual extinguishment of such fire, and particularly the prevention of its spreading and for the protection and safety of the lives and property of those endangered by fire, and for said purposes said company shall always keep and have at all times ready for service one fire engine, with appurtenances complete.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, etc., That each member of said company, during the time they are members of said company, and from the date of its actual incorporation, shall be exempt from jury and militia duty, except in times of invasion, insurrection or civil commotion, upon complying with the laws of the State and furnishing the sheriff or commanding officer of militia with the certified roll of their members, sworn to by the chief officer, according to law; and after service as active fireman in said company during the space of five years well and faithfully, they shall forever be exempt from jury and militia duty within the State; provided, that in every such case such member shall have obtained and exhibited a certificate signed by the foreman, president and secretary of said company, certifying that he has during said space of five years well and faithfully served as an active fireman; and it shall be the duty of said officers to furnish each active member with duplicate certificates to such effect upon the expiration of his term of five years upon the receipt of five dollars, to be employed for the benefit of said company, one of which certificates shall be filed with the sheriff of the parish of Jefferson, in order to entitle him to said exemption.

SEC. 5. Be it further enacted, etc., That this act shall remain in full force for the space of twenty years.

SEC. 6. Be it further enacted, etc., That this act shall become a law from and after its passage.

(Signed) CHARLES W. LOWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) C. C. ANTOINE,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved March 21, 1874.
(Signed) WILLIAM P. KELLOGG,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
P. G. DESLONDE,
Secretary of State.

AN ACT No. 73.

To prohibit the unlawful employment of sailors at work upon the levees or banks of the river in this State, and to punish violations of this act.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That it shall be unlawful for any captain, master or mate of any seagoing vessel, or for any stevedore, to employ at any work on the levees in the State of Louisiana not strictly belonging to and included in regular sailor's duty, as defined and prescribed by the maritime law governing the employment and duties of sailors.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That any captain, master or mate of any seagoing vessel who shall thus unlawfully employ any sailor within the jurisdiction of this State, or who shall by threats, punishment or duress, force any sailor thus to be employed, shall for each offense on conviction thereof be punished by a fine of not less than fifty dollars, or imprisonment for not less than one month, or both, at the discretion of the court.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That any stevedore who shall work or connive at the working of any sailor thus employed shall be punished as provided in section two of this act.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, etc., That all officers of the State or of the city of New Orleans are hereby prohibited from enforcing by capture, arrest or otherwise any unlawful employment of sailors as above prohibited.

SEC. 5. Be it further enacted, etc., That no captain, master or mate of any seagoing vessel who shall thus unlawfully employ any sailor, shall have the benefit of any law of the State or ordinance of the city of New Orleans heretofore enacted or that shall be enacted for the protection or assistance of captains, masters or mates in the enforcement of their contracts with sailors as against the sailor thus unlawfully employed.

SEC. 6. Be it further enacted, etc., That all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act be and the same are hereby repealed, and that this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

(Signed) CHARLES W. LOWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) C. C. ANTOINE,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved March 23, 1874.
(Signed) WILLIAM P. KELLOGG,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
P. G. DESLONDE,
Secretary of State.

AN ACT No. 74.

Creating a board of commissioners to examine and ascertain the valid outstanding indebtedness of the parish of Terrebonne, and authorizing the police jury of said parish to issue bonds to take up and fund the same.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That Henry C. Minor, P. E. Bryant, Frederick Marie, Thomas A. Cage, J. L. Belden, all of the parish of Terrebonne, be and are hereby declared and constituted a board of commissioners with full power to examine and determine upon the validity of any and all outstanding claims, obligations, or any kind or character of indebtedness against the parish of Terrebonne, and to call upon all holders of said claims or indebtedness to present them for inspection within a time to be determined by said board of commissioners.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That the police jury of said parish, in conjunction with at least one member of said board of commissioners, to be elected by said board, be and is hereby authorized and empowered to issue the bonds of said parish, not to exceed twenty thousand dollars, payable to bearer, and bearing eight per cent interest; said interest to be paid semi-annually, for the sole purpose of taking up said indebtedness after inspection and approval by said board of commissioners.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That the bonds issued under the provisions of this act shall be signed by at least a majority of the members of the police jury of said parish and one member of said board of commissioners, to be elected by said board as is provided in section two of this act, and shall be in denominations of twenty-five, fifty and one hundred dollars.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, etc., That the police jury of said parish shall levy a tax sufficiently large to pay and redeem annually one-tenth of the bonds issued by virtue of this act, and the interest accruing yearly on all of the bonds issued under the provisions of this act, said interest to be paid semi-annually and be represented by coupons attached to said bonds.

SEC. 5. Be it further enacted, etc., That the ordinance of or resolution of the police jury of said parish levying a tax and providing for the annual payment of one-tenth annually of the amount of bonds issued under this act, and the interest, as provided in section four of this act, shall remain in full force until the final redemption of the principal and interest of all the bonds issued under the provisions of this act.

SEC. 6. Be it further enacted, etc., That all the costs and expenses incurred in the issuance of said bonds shall be paid by the police jury of said parish.

SEC. 7. Be it further enacted, etc., That the clerk of the police jury of said parish shall keep a well bound book, in which he shall register the number, date and amount of each bond issued under the provisions of this act, and to whom issued.

SEC. 8. Be it further enacted, etc., That the bonds issued under the provisions of this act shall be receivable for parish taxes and licenses of the parish of Terrebonne.

SEC. 9. Be it further enacted, etc., That all bonds paid and redeemed by the parish treasurer or received by him from the tax collector, in settlement of taxes or licenses, shall be immediately canceled by him, the treasurer, and the president of the police jury, with red ink.

SEC. 10. Be it further enacted, etc., That this act shall not be so construed as to deprive courts of competent jurisdiction from adjudicating upon any claim which may be rejected by the board of commissioners created by this act.

SEC. 11. Be it further enacted, etc., That this act shall take effect from and after its passage, and all laws or parts of laws in conflict or inconsistent with this act shall be and are hereby repealed.

(Signed) CHARLES W. LOWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) C. C. ANTOINE,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved March 23, 1874.
(Signed) WILLIAM P. KELLOGG,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
P. G. DESLONDE,
Secretary of State.

AN ACT No. 79.

For the relief of Benjamin Campbell and his minor child, Estelle E. Campbell.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That Benjamin Campbell, a citizen of the State, be and he is hereby authorized to sell the real estate owned by him in this State, on which a mortgage in favor of his minor child; Estelle E. Campbell, rests, on such terms and conditions as the family meeting duly convened, sanctioned by the under tutor, may advise; and upon the recommendation and sanction of the family and under tutor, so much of the proceeds of the sale as shall belong to said minor, Estelle E. Campbell, shall be invested for special benefit as the family meeting and under tutor may advise and decide, subject to the approval of the Second District Court; and when said investment shall be made it shall be approved by said court on the petition of said Benjamin Campbell, and said court shall decree that the investment so made shall be the property of said minor, and shall neither be assigned nor transferred during the minority of said minor unless said transfer be approved by the family meeting and under tutor.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That the judgment of said court homologating the proceedings of the family meeting, approved by the under tutor under whose advice said property may be sold, the sale thereof shall discharge the mortgage of said minor of the property so sold, and the purchaser of said property shall take the same free from any obligation on the part as said purchaser to look to the investment of the price.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

(Signed) CHARLES W. LOWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) C. C. ANTOINE,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved March 21, 1874.
(Signed) WILLIAM P. KELLOGG,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
P. G. DESLONDE,
Secretary of State.

AN ACT No. 80.

To amend and re-enact section number four of an act entitled an act granting to Benjamin Brazeale, Ferdinand Lucepine, Justin Condi and Neville Board the right to establish a steam ferry at Grand Ecore, with exclusive privileges, approved June 3, 1873.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That section number four of an act granting ferry privileges to Leon Vanier, Ferdinand Luchini, Justin Condi, Neville Board at Grand Ecore, Louisiana, approved June 3, 1873, which reads: "That the said parties authorized as aforesaid by this act to establish said steam ferry shall have the same in good running order, and be prepared and ready to ferry passengers and property at the expiration of three months from the passage of this act, and have a safe and passable landing," be amended so as to read as follows: "That the said parties authorized as aforesaid by this act to establish said steam ferry shall have the same in good running order, and are prepared and ready to ferry passengers and property at the expiration of the month of April, 1874, and have a safe and passable landing."

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That all laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act be and the same is hereby repealed, and this act do have effect from and after its passage.

(Signed) CHARLES W. LOWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) C. C. ANTOINE,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved March 21, 1874.
WILLIAM P. KELLOGG,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
P. G. DESLONDE,
Secretary of State.

AN ACT No. 75.

For the relief of Mrs. Virginia C. Burke, sole heir and testamentary executrix of her father, the late John Alexander, providing for the issue of duplicates of bonds lost or stolen from said John Alexander.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That the Auditor of Public Accounts shall be and he is hereby authorized to issue to Mrs. Virginia C. Burke, sole heir and testamentary executrix of her father, John Alexander, formerly of this city, in lieu of bonds numbers five hundred and seventy-six, one thousand and twenty-two, one thousand and thirty-eight, nine hundred and forty, nine hundred and fifty-three, five hundred and sixty-one and one thousand and thirty-seven, for the sum of five hundred dollars each, issued under an act of the General Assembly approved July 18, 1853, and red-back bond number two hundred and two, for one thousand dollars, issued under act approved October 2, 1866, duplicates and numbers for like amount upon proper evidence being presented showing that said bonds were the property of the late John Alexander, and have been destroyed.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That the Auditor of Public Accounts shall also pay out of any money in the treasury to the credit of the interest tax fund the full amount of interest due on the bonds enumerated in the first section of this act up to the first day of January, 1874, and said bonds or interest coupons shall be receivable under the funding bill by the board of liquidators in exchange for consolidated bonds the same as bonds or warrants issued by the State.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That Mrs. Virginia C. Burke shall before receiving any of the bonds or interest authorized by this act give an indemnity bond in favor of the State in an amount to be fixed by the Auditor sufficient to protect the State against the possibility of paying these amounts twice.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, etc., That said coupons of said duplicate bonds shall be posted in the coupon books, in the Auditor's office, in the same manner and place as if the original coupons had been paid when due.

SEC. 5. Be it further enacted etc., That all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act be and the same are hereby repealed, and this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

(Signed) CHARLES W. LOWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) C. C. ANTOINE,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved March 23, 1874.
(Signed) WILLIAM P. KELLOGG.
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
P. G. DESLONDE,
Secretary of State.

AN ACT No. 81.

To incorporate the Native Ladies' Benevolant and Mutual Aid Association of New Orleans, Louisiana.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That for the purpose hereinafter specified Alice Tap, Alphonsine Carter, Augustine Barbarien, Anasthasie Sully, Mrs. Jules Holland, Mrs. Jules Tauga, Adolphe Barbarian, Arthur Meyle are hereby with their successors in office constituted and created a body corporate under the name and title of the Native Ladies' Benevolent and Mutual Aid Association of New Orleans, Louisiana.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That the officers of this association, of their successors in office, are hereby authorized and empowered to nurse, provide for and take care of their sick and bury their dead, and for this purpose are fully empowered to make and adopt such by-laws, rules and regulations from time to time as to them may seem necessary and expedient, not inconsistent or opposed, to the objects herein named; to levy or impose such tax or contribution upon their members and to collect the same as the majority of them may deem necessary; to sue and be sued, receive donations of money, food, clothing or real estate, and rent or purchase, buy or sell and hold such grounds and buildings as may be required for their use, and to do all other things necessary and legitimate to the carrying out of their humane and benevolent purpose.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That all power of the association is placed in the president thereof, who will have power to sue and be sued in behalf of the association.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, etc., That the constitution and by-laws of the Native Ladies' Benevolent and Mutual Aid Association of New Orleans will be strictly in conformity with the laws of the State governing charitable associations.

SEC. 5. Be it further enacted, etc., That said act shall take effect from and after its passage.

(Signed) CHARLES W. LOWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) C. C. ANTOINE,
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